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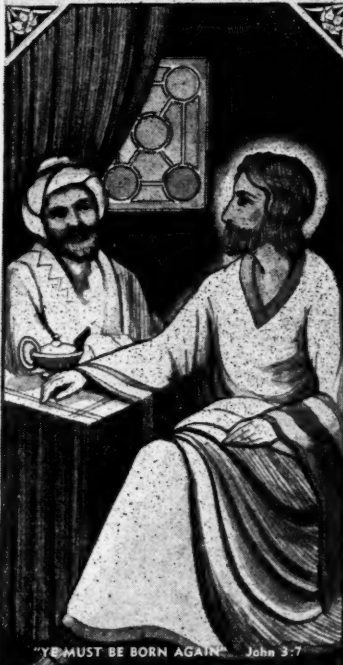
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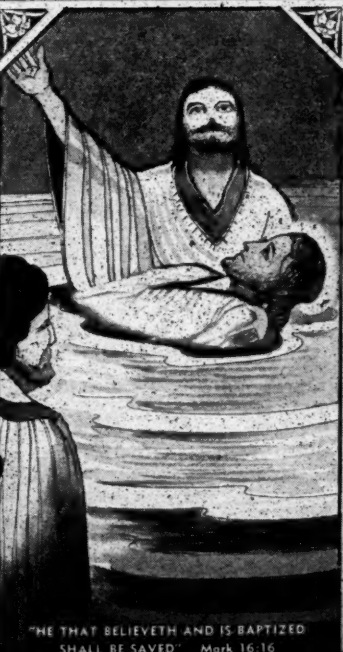
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EXAMPLE

*I'd rather see a sermon
Than to hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
Than merely show the way;
The eye's a better pupil,
And more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing,
But example's always clear.
And, best of all the preachers
Are the men who live their creeds;
For to see good in action
Is what everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it,
If you'll let me see it done:
I can see your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.
And the lectures you deliver
May be very fine and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson
By observing what you do:
For I may misunderstand you
And the high advice you give;
But there's no misunderstanding
How you act and how you live!*
—Anon.



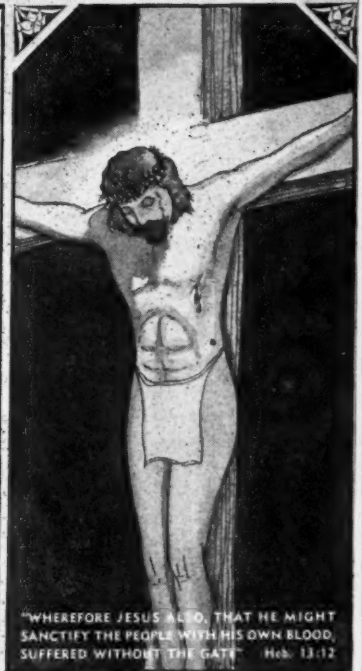
"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED
SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST,
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT
SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD,
SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR-
CHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28



To my friends: I have moved to Rosman, N. C. If anyone would like to write me, I will be here for the Assembly year. Any Church of God preacher who feels led to come this way, come by and help us as we have some good people here, only a few who are real Church of God people. Pray for this place, there are many wicked people here. We are planning to build our new Church, so pray for us.—A. P. Harris.

To whom it may concern: Anyone desiring me for a revival, please write me at the address given below. I will soon be able to get out to work in Tennessee and Alabama.—O. D. Springer, 212 N. Patton St., Huntsville, Ala.

This is to let the Y. P. E's, L. W. B's and Sunday Schools of Mississippi know that our address has been changed from Morgantown to P. O. Box 947, Hattiesburg, Miss. Y. P. E's, your banner will be ready to be rewarded the 1st of December, so get your reports in on time. Who will be the first to win?—Roy Douglas, state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent of Mississippi.

CORRECTION: The Cleveland, Tenn. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene Dec. 10, 11 instead of Dec. 4 as was announced in the Tennessee state paper. The East Chattanooga convention will be held Dec. 17, 18 instead of Dec. 10, 11.—Max L. Atkins, state S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent of Tennessee, 2519 Trunk St., Cleveland, Tenn.

There will be an all-day Thanksgiving service at the Clayton Church of God Sunday, Nov. 27. We want all those who can to come and be with us in this service.—Lassie McCall, clerk, Clayton, Ga.

There will be all-day service at the Childersburg Church of God. Everybody is invited to come. Bring your musical instruments, quartets, duets, solos and whatever you have. We are expecting our district overseer to be with us, also his singers. Pray for us. The Lord is blessing us in our work here.—J. H. Adams, Box 63, Childersburg, Ala.

I want a young man to sing and play music and travel with me in the evangelistic work. Either a single man or a man and his wife who have a car. I want to evangelize in the state of Arkansas. Write me for particulars. Address your letters to Mountain View, Ark.—E. B. Moffitt.

There will be an all-day service at the

Church of God at Radford, Va. Dec. 4. We will also dedicate our new church to the Lord that day. Brother Dorman, our state overseer, will be with us, D. V. We invite all to come and help us shout the victory. Bring a basket of good things to eat.—Vance Perkins, district pastor, Radford, Va.

RULES FOR AWARDING THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER

The Assembly has ruled "That a banner be awarded the state which makes the best average of progress in Sunday School work, for each Assembly year."

However, since there were so many rulings and suggestions concerning the Sunday School work and our reporting system not sufficiently covering same, I feel it will be fair to all that we select certain points for the contest, and especially solicit and urge our Sunday School secretaries to furnish the state superintendents with the information: for this record, to compete for the National Banner.

We offer this nine-point contest which is as follows:

1. Largest percentage of gain in attendance over last year.
2. Largest number of Sunday School members, above the number of Church membership in state.
3. Largest number of Sunday Schools according to the number of churches.
4. Greatest number of Sunday Schools organized this assembly year.
5. Largest percentage of teachers attending school.
6. Greatest amount of increase in Sunday School offerings over last year.
7. Greatest percentage of increase in orphanage offerings.
8. Highest percentage of faithfulness in reporting.
9. Highest general rating in the following:
 - (1) Largest percentage district conventions.
 - (2) Sunday School teachers' meetings and teacher training study.
 - (3) Special exercises and programs for children (class and general).

This contest begins November 1, 1938 and will end September 25, 1939.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

A revival will begin at the Church of God at Marion, N. C. Dec. 4 with Brother L. J. Stone of Hendersonville as evangelist and Brother and Sister S. L. Wallace of Johnson City, Tenn. in charge of the music. Please pray for a successful revival. We invite all on the Lenoir and near-by districts to come be with us.—H. C. Peek, Marion, N. C.

I would like for all the churches on the Richmond, Va. district to get in touch with me at once to arrange for quarterly conferences.—H. E. Sells, dis-

trict pastor, 121 E. 13th St., Richmond, Va.

Dear readers, just a line to tell you that God is still blessing in Chicago. As your housekeeper in your church in Chicago, the city where the devil and his angels are fighting on every hand like wild fire, God has made it possible for us to meet \$80.00 every month as payment on a wonderful brick church that we are buying for you. The first of June God opened the way to move in. The enemy has worked hard. Now there are two tithe payers. Many days I pray and forget to eat. That is the fast that God puts on. Don't you see He wants to work in Chicago? Come on and obey God. Readers, you can pray. If you can solicit, come on; if you can do personal work, come on. We have a lot of room and a lot to do. We need workers, not all preachers unless they are willing to work too. The day is past, dear ones, that we can play like—God wants us to do the work. If you can't preach, maybe you can do something else. Write me and I will tell you all about it. We would like to hear from you by letter. Now we are paid up to Dec. 4 but our insurance is due now. You have special prayer in your church that God will provide. If you will obey Him He has got it. Just write me any time and pray for God to give me \$40.00 for my insurance, and don't forget it is yours, not mine. I am your housekeeper. If you come to Chicago and cannot find the place, go to the recorder's office and you will see we have a big thing, all yours.—Sister Amelia Shumaker, 3162 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., Phone Seeley 2194.

CORRECTION: In a piece published in the Evangel by G. L. Varnes, Poplar Creek, Miss. it was stated that Brother A. J. Gardner was to hold a revival when it should have been Brother C. H. Gardner.

To the West Virginia Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's: As a token of our appreciation to our state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother T. F. Blackwell, I suggest that in making our November reports we add to the regular quota paid him monthly a SPECIAL offering as a Christmas gift. This can readily be done from each respective treasury without harm and it will be greatly appreciated by our state superintendent and show our sincerity of love for him. Don't forget this in your labor of love.—M. M. Mortenson, district superintendent and overseer, 132 Sycamore St., Huntington, W. Va.

To whom it may concern: My address is Box 501, Lake Worth, Fla. Those wishing to write me, address as above.—Paul H. Walker, foreign mission field representative.

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Hope

BY T. S. PAYNE

"That we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil," Heb. 6:18, 19.

The religion of the Old Testament is of all things a religion of hope, centered in God, from whom all deliverance and blessings are confidently expected. The varieties of this hope are countless, but the form most perfected and with fundamental significance for the New Testament is the firm trust that at a time appointed God will establish a kingdom of righteousness. Hence, after the ascension the early Church was left with the hope and fond expectation that He would soon return to those who were left to look for the realization of that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Hope!" It is such a little word, only four letters, but, oh, such a wonderful meaning!

It is the only thing left to comfort the poor mother who has watched night after night at the bedside of her sick child. It is *hope* that causes her poor tired eyes to take on new lustre, and brings again the color to her faded cheeks.

Just breathe a little hope into the ear of the poor sufferer as he lies pale and emaciated upon his bed of affliction, then watch his eyes light up and his pulse beat faster.

Hope paints the present and the future of those who possess it with ever brightening colors of promise, and hangs a rainbow in their troubled skies.

Let us take one long look back down the plodding course of time, long before the beginning of creation, and see God outlining the plan of the universe. And then afterwards, by the power of His Word, swinging the gigantic and stupendous miracle into action out of the void of nothingness. It was by the power of His work that the great clock of creation was set in motion. Creation was God's great hope chest. In it He placed Adam and Eve, the first garments of humanity, vested with the mysterious power of life, but they, through the exercise of their own free moral agency, plunged themselves and all their posterity into such a condition of misery and despair that it was best described as "having no hope and without God in the world."

When man was cast out of Eden's beautiful bower and its gates had for-

ever closed behind that guilty pair, and the flaming sword of the Lord had been properly placed to guard its portals, the whole life current of the human race was shifted into a different channel. The change had been from roses to thorns, and from joy to sorrow.

Man's fall was not a merciless fall. Hope saw a star; it was the star of Bethlehem, the bright and morning star, and its appearance within the bleak skies of the night of death marks the dawn of a better day, a day in which other morning stars will sing together while other sons of God shout for joy.

It was in the beginning of this new era that the second Adam (Jesus) came to deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. He came to preach the gospel to the poor and to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, the recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised. He came to bring the prisoners out of the prison house of sin.

The first Adam became the door through which all humanity walked out from the presence of God, leaving behind them the fullness of joy, the pleasures, and peace that passeth all understanding. Before the fall, man sat down under His shadow with great delight and God's Spirit was sweet to his taste. There they sat in the region of the shadow of death. Man changed his crown for a cross, his light for darkness, his grace for disgrace. Now the poor wandering wretch sees another door. It is the second Adam, and through Him all humanity may pass if they would re-enter the presence of God.

No need for weeping and sighing. No cause for us to sigh as Job of old when he said, "My days are swifter than the weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope." No longer do we need to sit among the ashes and mournfully intone, "I cry unto thee and thou dost not hear me," for Jesus has come and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace.

All through the Scriptures, hope is set forth as following faith. Thus: Who by Him do believe in God that raised Him from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. When faith lays hold on God's promises, hope is born, and forthwith begins to look for their fulfillment.

After Abraham had received God's promises he did not consider his own body as being dead, but believed God and it was imputed for righteousness

and he became the father of many nations.

Hope! such a little word but such a wonderful meaning. When everything seems to be against us and clouds of despair are hanging round, Hope reaches down into the darkness of the soul and becomes a light shining in a dark place. It is the sacred stimulus that incites the weary soul to strive, to struggle on, and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," knowing full well "what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." It is that blessed anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.

Like some blessed angel of light, Hope softly whispered its sweet message to the prodigal son as he fed the swine far away from home, friendless and alone, painting such pleasant pictures of the home coming that it caused him to form new resolutions, and to arise and go back to his father.

Hope had been standing at the pool of Bethesda for a period of approximately thirty-eight years beckoning to the poor impotent man year after year, but one day he got into the waters and was healed.

Hope! that blessed anchor of the soul. It makes us able to look into the face of impossibilities and press onward with a faith that will not be denied. By it we are made able to glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience; and experience hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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He Called Me Back

Dear friends, I thank the Lord for salvation. I praise Him for giving me the sweet Holy Ghost. I tried living a sanctified life for seven years but when trouble came I began going to the shows and other worldly places for comfort and soon found myself in a cold condition, but I praise the Lord for calling me back.

I want every child of God to pray for me to hold out faithfully to the end. This is a hard place. There are only three Christians in this community and the devil surely is fighting. Please pray for us here in this valley that we may have a revival soon.—Mrs. J. W. Harper, Mount Hebron, Calif.

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EDITORIALS

Church of God Doctrine

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people," Isa. 28:9-11.

"Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself," John 7:16, 17.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained, but refuse profane and old wives fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth;

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but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee," 1 Tim. 4th chapter.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, even learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known

the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," 2 Tim. 3rd chapter.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing," 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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The Rapture

The rapture is that blessed event when the righteous dead being raised, and the living saints changed, all together shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. It is the next great event to be expected by the Church. It is for this express purpose that Jesus will return to this earth again at the end.

1. Notice what Jesus Himself said concerning that great day,

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also," John 14:3.

The disciples taught and the converts believed in the visible return of Jesus, as expressed in many places. In 1 Thess. 1:10 it is made plain that they were "to wait for His (God's) Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come."

2. It will take place at the end of this dispensation. Jesus came the first time to bring in a new dispensation of grace. He gave His message to the world, was crucified, rose again, went back to heaven, sent the Holy Ghost, who directs the work of the Church throughout the gospel age. At the end of the age, which is the harvest time, the gathering of the wheat into God's barn, He will return again, and personally direct all of the affairs of that day.

3. The rapture will take place when the gospel has been preached in all the world. When Jesus sent forth His disciples He said to them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. And further He said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come," Matt. 24:14.

4. Before the rapture takes place there is to come a great falling away. Jesus Himself mentions these days, and so does the Apostle Paul (1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:3). Saint Peter also mentions the same (2 Peter 2:1).

By this we understand that among God's own people there will arise false teachers and leaders. So it will be a time of so many teachers of that which is false in the world that it will be alarming. And in the world generally all manner of sin and crime will be multiplied to such an extent that the world has never before witnessed.

5. The rapture will be preceded by great signs and wonders. Jesus said, "Then shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring," etc.

6. The rapture of the saints will take place when the world in general is not expecting it, and not prepared for it.

7. The saints will be raptured at a time when the world is in a state of great enlightenment, progress and education (Dan. 12:4).

8. At the rapture the saints will enter into the joys of the Lord. Sorrows, labor and pain to them will be past. 1 Thess. 4:17; 2 Tim. 4:8; Col. 3:4.

The Know-So Salvation

We live in a time when things religious need to occupy a more prominent place in the affairs of men. Knowledge of every kind is pressing to the front, but the knowledge of God and salvation and spiritual things is not given its proper place. Doubt, indefiniteness and uncertainty are not the surroundings of Jehovah. His salvation is a most positive reality.

God is most real. Through His Word, by His Spirit, in His providences, by His works, in nature, etc., God speaks in positive terms to men. Millions have trembled at the sounding of His Word. It is not to be discounted, it "abideth forever." His laws, precepts and principles are in force now. When heaven and earth are passed away and all the present order changed His Word will be standing still.

Salvation is real and knowable. When Jesus came into the world to seek the lost the greatest forces of the universe contributed at once to the putting over of His great redemption scheme. He was introduced into the world by a heavenly choir of angels. God's eternal Spirit in the form of a dove lighted upon Him at His baptism. At His crucifixion the earth quaked and trembled and the sun refused to shine. Such events connect with the ushering in of man's redemption. The salvation of the sinner is real. The gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," Rom. 1:16.

The joys of salvation are real. The joy of the Lord energizes the Christian and enables him to overcome the world and keep his faithful stand for God and

right. It is written, "For the joy of the Lord is your strength," Neh. 8:10. How real is that joy which has ever been the portion of God's saints! The Philippians were exhorted to "rejoice in the Lord alway," Phil. 4:4, the Thessalonians to "rejoice evermore," 1 Thess. 5:16, and it is "rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory," 1 Peter 1:8. Salvation is real. Men really get saved. They rejoice in tribulation. They may have fullness of joy, 2 John 12, all along the way. And finally they are to enter into the Master's presence, where there is eternal joy and rejoicing. A reality which shall never cease.

A Great Need

A new convert was asked, "What can you do? Can you speak in public?" "I'm afraid not," was the reply. "Can you teach a class?" "No." "Well, what can you do?" His face lighted up as he said, "I can pray." "Then you are just the man we want," said the worker. And so it is everywhere, men and women who can pray are in great demand.

The Right Way to Pray

To our Father which is in heaven. Matt. 6:9.

In the name of Jesus Christ His Son. John 16:23.

With humbleness of heart and mind. Gen. 18:27.

With repentance and forsaking of all sin. Acts 3:19.

That God's will may be done. Matt. 6:10; 1 John 5:14.

With faith that God will answer. Heb. 11:6.

With a desire that God may be glorified. Matt. 6:13.

"A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world. When he dies mortals will ask what property he left behind him; but angels will enquire, What good deeds hast thou sent before thee?"

Committing sin is a dangerous business. When you consent to commit a sin you barter your soul away.

One of the most important things in Christian work is to be accurate in relation to the Scriptures. For a careless reader of the Book never makes a close walker with God, nor an efficient worker for Him.

Those who speak against God are those who do not know Him, hence their testimony is of no value.

Salvation is real, the Scriptures are true, and so are heaven and hell.

The God-called preacher ought to know his duty, and have grace to perform it.

Cry Against Sin

GOLDIE BANKS

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins," Isa. 58:1.

Surely if it was necessary for the prophets in Isaiah's day to lift up their voice and cry against sin, it is also necessary in this evil day in which we are living, to do the same thing as we see it so prevalent everywhere.

God had real watchmen in those days who would hazard their lives and go forth in obedience to God's command regardless of the terrible things that befell them. They are certainly to be admired for the courageous steps they took.

Their day is passed, their work has been well done, and in my mind's eye I see a sign saying, "Men and women wanted." What for? To take the same advancing steps as Isaiah and others took, to cry against sin and uncleanness. Will you be one to truly take a stand for God and His cause without compromise? Think it over!

I fear many are losing their vision by pleasure seeking, or idling their time away with things of no profit, and forgetting the great responsibility that rests upon them of feeding the flock.

I often recall Jesus' conversation with Peter in John 15 concerning feeding his sheep and lambs. We see Peter busy on the job after this. How about you?

You can't have your mind flitting here and there and scan the pages of God's good Book only fifteen or twenty minutes and give the sheep a square meal. You might give them a light lunch, but that kind of food continually will give them indigestion and before you realize it you will have a flock of sick sheep.

If you are this kind of a shepherd, I pity you, because you are losing your vision. Your congregation begins to lose out also because the pew can't be any more spiritual than the pulpit. Of course you see it, but you don't seem to know how to remedy it.

If you had preached God's message on Sunday morning Sister So and So would't have sent her children off to the movies this week. She says, "I can't go myself, I belong to the Church, but I see no harm in sending the children." Perhaps those children will be led astray by that visit to the movies. Who will God hold accountable? Answer for yourself.

Many of the sisters in your church have begun to bob a part of their hair off. They left it just long enough to have a very small roll so that the rest of the church couldn't point their finger

and tell them they had bobbed hair. My own judgment is that they might as well have cut it all. They wanted to. Their mind was running in that direction. Their spirituality is diminishing. Whose fault is it? Some preachers are so afraid of making a hobby out of one thing that they really fail to do their duty concerning it.

Brother So and So in your church takes in all the ball games now. He just can't miss one. He says it's no harm. How about it, pastor?

I feel we are getting so broad-minded that we are taking in a lot of things God's Word condemns. I agree that we are living in a modern age, but I don't believe God has changed from fifteen or twenty years ago. The fire fell when the price was paid and we have to still keep paid up to keep the fire. I want the fire, don't you?

On Sunday morning Sister Brown comes to Sunday School, but her children are absent. She said they had been in school all week and they needed a little recreation. So they packed their lunch bright and early and went out to the park to spend the day.

Pastor, do you allow all such things as these to go on in your church? I have come in contact with just such things as I have spoken of, and it is so disgusting to see people living such lives when we ought to be holding up the highest standard of any people in the world.

You may say I'm old-fashioned, but I wish we had the atmosphere we had a few years ago. I'm sick and tired of formality and pretense. Let's have the real or nothing.

1 Cor. 6:19, 20 tells us that we are not our own, but are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are God's.

I am sure we can't glorify Him with a compromise spirit, and those who are letting down the standard will wake up to the sad fact some day that their good experience has leaked out and they were not conscious of it, and may be classed with the foolish virgins who had no oil.

A traffic officer stands to see that the laws are obeyed. God also has some laws, and I wish that every minister was just as eager to have God's laws obeyed as the traffic officer is to have the laws of our land obeyed. No need to have laws unless they are enforced. I speak with Samuel of old. If these things are not true, why do we see so much of it going on in the churches?

Let's move up the line, preachers, and cry against sin as we never have before. Jesus is coming, and we must be ready.

Thank God For His Wonderful Love

KENANSVILLE, N. C.—I am so glad today that I am a child of the King. I am glad because I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

Dear brothers and sisters, we ought to be so good to each other, for Jesus said for us to love one another like He loved us. Sometimes someone may do something we don't like or something to hurt our feelings and the devil will tell us to pout with them and not be friendly with them, but I thank God that we don't have to listen to old Satan. God will always make a way of escape from every temptation if we will only trust and serve Him just the way we should. Let's love one another like Jesus would have us to and if anyone hurts our feelings let's just forgive him and not think any more about it. I thank God right now because I love everybody.

I thank God for all the good sisters and brothers I have met since I have been traveling. I thank Him for the good meetings I have been in and for the wonderful blessings He has given me. I thank God for all my friends, brothers and sisters at home. I want them to know I love them everyone and I want them to pray for me that I will stay on God's side and do His precious will.

I have some friends and loved ones out in sin, so please pray for them to give their hearts to God before it is too late. Dear sisters and brothers, let's all stay on God's side and do His precious will and love one another. Pray for me that I will be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. K. G. Jernigan.

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CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

Procrastination

DOROTHY MATHENY

Bible Student by mail

In this talk I have in mind a young man who sat through a revival meeting. He was not a scoffer nor a blasphemer, but just the opposite. He was a man that acknowledged the necessity of salvation by grace, and expressed his full intentions of seeking the Lord at some future time, but just failed to turn to Christ then and there.

Just about the time the meeting closed he was taken violently ill and grew worse rapidly, and the doctor could not save his life. He sent for us to come and pray for him and he told us, "Oh, if I had taken your advice a few days ago I should now be ready to die."

This young man built his house on "not today" but "maybe tomorrow," and put off seeking salvation for his soul, thinking he could come to Christ some time. He built up his hope on having plenty of time to come to God some other day, but God said, "This day thy soul is required of thee."

So this young man building on "not today" but "maybe tomorrow," his house being built on sand, was torn down by God, and he was called into judgment without hope of God, and great was the fall. It is a sad thing to fall into the hands of a just God without any hope of the future. For as a tree falleth so shall it lie.

Paul, the apostle, gave his son Timothy, in the gospel, admonition that I feel applies all down the line to people who sit under the Word of God through a revival meeting, and it is also good for the minister of God. It is found in Timothy where he said, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

It is very important that we heed God and walk in the light He has shone on our pathway, build our house upon the rock Christ Jesus, and be ready to go at any time He might call. For we know not the day nor the hour that we might be called into judgment, and if we have put on the wedding garments and made our peace and election sure, we will be admitted to the Marriage Supper. But we must have the oil in our lamps and be ready to meet the Bridegroom in the air. What a glorious meeting that will be and what a glorious thought to think that we shall live and reign with him a thousand years here on earth.

At this time I want to add a word of praise and thanks to the Lord for His love which I feel in my soul, for the price He paid for my redemption, praise His dear name, and for setting my feet on the rock which is Christ Jesus.

Appreciate Correspondence Course

Dear Brother Jenkerson: I received my diploma and was glad to get it. I thank you and those connected with the Correspondence Department. This course has been a great help to me. I greatly appreciate what you have meant to me—B. V. Rains.

Dear Brother Jenkerson: It has indeed been a pleasure to study the Bible under your instructions. You were so good and kind to me in my studies. I only went through the third grade in school but this course has been a pleasure to me. I am sorry it is at an end.—Frank S. Sprague.

Dear Brother Jenkerson: I wish to thank you for your kindness and patience with me in all my lessons. I think the course is one of the best because it gives a general knowledge of the Bible. I wish to testify that I have derived a great amount of knowledge through the study of this course.—Charles Edgar Nell.

Dear Christian friend: I thank you for your interest in me and for your prayers. I dreamed one night that I saw someone holding the Bible. I could see every letter trimmed in gold but I was very sad because I could not read it. I realized God wanted me to study to rightly divide the Word of Truth. I appreciate your help in this Bible course. I now have one hundred per cent more knowledge of the Bible than I had before. I never will forget the words "A quitter never wins, a winner never quits."—Dean Bailey.

Dear Teacher: I am very thrilled because I ever received the first letter from you inviting me to take this great study. It is so helpful and wonderful I just can't express thanks to God.—Mrs. Annia Bright.

Dear Brother in Christ: I am glad I have had this privilege to study the Bible by correspondence. I thank and praise the Lord for it. It is so cheap that nearly anyone could afford it and it is very educational. I sincerely mean to practice what I have learned.—Martin F. Hals.

Bible Training School: I am happy, yes, certainly happy, because through the Bible Training School Course I have found a deeper walk with the Lord. When I first started studying this course in Bible I practically knew nothing about the Scriptures but now I feel like I am more grown up and can take in more meat.

Every person who can not attend Bible School will do well to take a course of Bible study by correspondence. I thank my teacher, faculty and officers of the Bible Training School for my diploma, for your courtesy and for your long-suffering with me while I was battling through my studies. May the Lord bless you every one.—Clarence E. Grayson.

Dear Brother Jenkerson: I will say that I have greatly enjoyed and appreciated the Bible Course. It has been a blessing to me. I have been a student of the Bible for twenty years or more but the course has been a blessing to me. I see where I could have been a greater blessing to the Church. I would advise anyone who wants to know more about the Bible and wants to be a blessing in the services of the Lord to take the Home Study Bible Course.—Clemmans H. Deans.

Dear Brother Jenkerson: I thank you for my diploma. I have greatly enjoyed the course and it has proved a blessing to me. I recommend it to any one as a help and guide to Bible study.—Mrs. Jessie Carey.

REVIVALS

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival held by Brother G. F. Bradshaw and his wife of Erwin, N. C. We had good services and good music every night. Brother Bradshaw and his wife played and sang specials and the power fell. We had a large crowd every night and Brother and Sister Bradshaw were loved by everyone. They are good help in a revival.—Johnie Hales, clerk, Mill House No. 26.

We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Mt. Zion, twelve miles north of Pikeville, Tenn. The Lord surely blessed. Twenty were converted, twelve sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve baptized in water. A new church was set in order with thirteen members with more to come in later. Please pray for the work here.—W. T. Pearson and wife.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT



YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Bright Examples of Devotion and Patterns to the Young in All Ages

(One character will be commented on each week)

BY THE EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The Love-Covenant of Jonathan and David

There was a man who lived at Bethlehem by the name of Jesse, and he had several sons. Samuel was judge over God's people at that time and God told him to go over to Bethlehem and anoint a king in Saul's stead. When Samuel arrived in Bethlehem Jesse's sons were all dressed and ready to meet him. They all passed before him and Samuel was praying for the Lord to show him which one he wanted as king. The Lord didn't speak to him as the first group passed before him. He asked Jesse if these were all his sons and Jesse told him he had another little fellow who was watching the sheep. Samuel said, "Go fetch him; I will not sit down until he comes." As they brought David in God spoke to Samuel and said, "This is the one."

Now David wasn't thinking about being king or anything great, but he was out in the field keeping the bears and lions off his father's sheep. He was old enough to be trusted with a great flock of sheep and he was true to his trust. These are the kind of young men that God wants, those that will be true to whatever is committed to their trust. If David had left the sheep to be devoured, no doubt God would not have wanted him to be king. But He wanted someone whom He could trust and who would be faithful.

After Samuel anointed David, David went back to looking after the sheep. In a few years war broke out and the sons of Jesse had to go to fight against the Philistines. One day David visited the army that his brothers were in. He heard them talking about a big man named Goliath who had defied the armies of Israel. David told the general of the army that he would fight with Goliath. His brothers tried to persuade him not to do it, thinking he was too young. Saul, the king, after questioning David, and putting his coat of mail on him, was afraid David was making a mistake. David told them he didn't care for their armor and sword but he had learned to throw stones in a sling. He

went out and selected his stones from the brook and put them in his bag, took his sling in his hand and went out to meet Goliath. As he faced this great giant he was praying for God to help him, for he had told Saul and his army that he was going in the name of the Lord.

Those who want to be successful in this life, must not depend upon the things of this world nor upon themselves, but solely depend upon the Lord. We can always use our natural talents and the things we are used to in the work of the Lord. Some think you have to have diplomas, law books and other books of instructions, but God can use best those hearts that are surrendered to Him and are willing to risk everything and go in the name of the Lord.

David threw a stone and Goliath fell a victim. He cut off his head and took it back to the camp. This was a great victory for Israel that day, for the Philistines were excited and ran away. It was at this time that Jonathan, Saul's son, surrendered all to David in love.

"And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle," 1 Sam. 18:1-4.

Jonathan saw that God was with David and he was willing for the Lord to use David. He was not jealous and did not complain and find fault with David. Of course he was the oldest son of Saul and at Saul's death he would have inherited the throne if Saul had lived true to the Lord and died in honor. But Jonathan was a bright, young man and he saw that God was working through David, so he delivered to him his robe, and all his royal garments, even to his sword, bow and girdle. I tell you, this was a great surrender but it has made all the world look upon him with admiration. It takes a brave and noble man to condescend and honor others. It is a trait of character that can only come through a divine touch of our heavenly Father.

It is said that Jonathan's and David's hearts were knit together. As they returned to their cities from the battle of

the Philistines, something happened that has always been a sad thing to me. As the women came out dancing and praising God for the victory, they were singing a song: "Saul has slain his thousands, but David his tens of thousands." Saul was a backslider and this made him jealous of David, and this was finally the means of him losing his throne and being destroyed. Jealousy is as cruel as the grave and will ruin any person that will allow it to get hold of them. Jonathan was open and free-hearted and wasn't a bit jealous and David was of a noble disposition also, and was not jealous.

We feel that the young people of today would do well to study the lives of these two noble sons of Israel and see how they worked together, how they protected, and loved one another. This spirit of love and sacred regard for others will lift anyone to the highest degree of usefulness and make him able to accomplish things for God. But to be envious and work against someone is one of the most dangerous things that anybody can do.

David was admitted into the family of Saul. Saul gave him his daughter for a wife, but Saul made it hard on him and tried to take his life, but God was with him. Jonathan kept David posted and caused him at one time to leave his father's home because of Saul's plans to take his life. God will always take care of those who will serve, love, and honor His Word and be kind to those about them. I think this is one of the most beautiful stories of the Bible—the story of Jonathan and David, how they worked together, fought together, and in the moments of trials advised with one another. The spirit of Jonathan in its love, beauty, self-surrendering, and honoring others, yet true to his father as a king, can hardly be found in Bible characters. Of course we all know the story of how the lives of these two precious young men were spent.

A few words to our young people, if you want to be useful and have favor with God, make sacrifices for others. Let them make you a steppingstone to victory. Someone asked a man one day to tell him how he had gained favor with God and had been placed in positions of honor and trust. He said, "I did it by helping others. If I found a man struggling for existence I reached out a helping hand and pulled him up to at least my level." If you are ever great and live a life that will long be remembered, it will be by kind deeds and kind words

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★ Boys and Girls ★

Sunbeams

BY IRENE WALES

S-hine—Matt. 5:16
U-pright—Psa. 33:1
N-ighbors—Matt. 22:39
B-rotherly—Jer. 31:34
E-arrestness—Rom. 8:19
A-wake—Rom. 13:14
M-eek—Psa. 149:4
S-eek—Psa. 9:10

—*The Junior Workers' Handbook.*

How many of you boys and girls know what a sunbeam is? Well, a sunbeam is a ray of the sun. What do sunbeams do? They shine, of course. They have a place and part in God's great plan for the world. What would we do without the little sunbeams! Do you know of a single person in the whole world who would not welcome the sunbeams? Yes, we are glad for the raindrops and of course the sunbeams must hide their faces while the clouds form and the raindrops come down. We must have the rain too. But after a nice rain the sunbeams look so prettily as they come out again from behind the clouds and shine upon the wet earth. My! they make us feel so cheerful and good.

Just imagine how the earth would be without the sunbeams. It would be damp and cold and dark. On a cool day you can see people, and even animals and fowls, hovering in the sunshine wherever they can find it. And we say, "This sun feels so warm and good." Everyone knows that the sunbeams bring cheer, warm the earth, help to make the vegetables, fruits, flowers, trees, and grass grow, and they make little children grow too. Children who live in places where they do not get enough sunshine and fresh air are not as healthy as children who can play out where the little sunbeams can come down upon them, and they can breathe the fresh, pure air. And did any of you ever see a little plant of any kind that had come up under a board or under a bucket or something? Do you remember how pale it looked, and how weak? You can take something and cover up a spot of grass and after several days go back and look and you will find that the grass has turned pale. It just takes the sunshine, the little sunbeams, to make anything as healthy and strong as it should be.

Sunbeams are very important. God knew just what we would need and He made everything just right. He has two kinds of sunbeams. One kind is the kind we have been talking about, that make

us healthy and strong in our bodies, help things to grow, warm the earth, and make us feel cheerful. God causes these to come to us direct from the sun way up in the heavens. The other kind of sunbeams help us to be healthy and strong in our souls and spirit. They cheer us up and make us happy. These sunbeams are little boys and girls themselves and older people too.

Would you like to be a sunbeam for Jesus? or maybe you are already a sunbeam for Him. Everybody can be one who wants to be. Remember that sunbeams are important and if you are a sunbeam you are filling an important place in the Lord's work here on earth. We can't make the trees and grass grow, but we can do lots of good, even more good than the sunbeams that come from the sun.

Do you know how we can be sunbeams? By being cheerful and happy, saying kind words to others, visiting sick children and crippled children who can't get out like we can, taking them flowers and nice things to eat, loving them, and helping others in every way we can. Of course we need Jesus in our own hearts in order to be real good sunbeams. He will make us the brightest little sunbeam if we will only give ourselves to Him, let Him come into our hearts and control our lives.

Don't you know the Lord is pleased when He looks down from heaven and sees all His little sunbeams working, going here and there, smiling, being kind to one another, and spreading sunshine on the earth! If you are not a sunbeam already, decide now that you will be one and will spread all the sunshine you can.

Sometimes people get discouraged, everything looks dark to them. They feel so down and out and don't know what to do. They just need a sunbeam or two to cheer them up. You can smile at them, or say a few kind words, or give them something nice, tell them you love them, or in some way encourage and cheer them up. You will be happy if you decide to be a sunbeam and then set about to be one. And you can do best by letting Jesus help you. Get down on your knees beside your bed or anywhere, and pray right out of your heart to God. Ask Him to help you and show what to do, and He will surely direct your life, make you happy and cause you to be a blessing to others.

Do you know the little song "I'll Be a Sunbeam"? I am going to give you the words of this sweet song and if you don't know the tune, perhaps your

mother or sister or teacher or somebody knows the tune whom you can get to teach it to you. It will make you feel good just to sing this song and while you are singing it somebody else will feel good. That's one way to spread sunshine and be a sunbeam.

Here is the song:

1.

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
 To shine for Him each day;
 In every way try to please Him,
 At home, at school, at play.

Chorus:

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
 Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;
 A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
 I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

2.

Jesus wants me to be loving,
 And kind to all I see;
 Showing how pleasant and happy
 His little one can be.

3.

I will ask Jesus to help me,
 To keep my heart from sin;
 Ever reflecting His goodness
 And always shine for Him.

4.

I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus,
 I can if I but try;
 Serving Him moment by moment,
 Then live with Him on high.

The Lord Answered Prayer

POPLAR CREEK, Miss.—I am glad to report victory over sin and the devil. I am still on the highway of holiness and feeling good because the Lord has answered prayers.

Some time ago I wrote through the Evangel asking that God would send a true blue Church of God preacher to this place to hold us a revival, and thank God, He did. He sent one in here who is really telling us what it takes to live the life. He is surely laying a foundation to build on. He is dressing the lumber now to build with and I don't really believe there will be a plank (member) in the building (church) with a spot on it. I do believe that the people are really enthusiastic in their souls now. Well, I wanted the readers to wonder who it was doing the preaching. It is Brother B. H. Jernigan and his little companion boy, Brother Lamar Lott. He is so sweet to the people. He really can pick the guitar for the Lord and the people all seem to love Brother Jernigan and the little brother so much. They opened fire on the devil last Wednesday night and had a big crowd the very first night. Five came to the altar Sunday night and one was reclaimed. Pray for all to completely win the victory over the devil.—G. L. Varnes and wife.

Love can build a fence around every congregation to keep the devil out of it and its affairs.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Souls Are Hungry in Turks Island

To the saints, greetings. I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire and for anointing me to preach the gospel to the lost souls of the world wherever I may go, which is my desire. I am somewhat handicapped at present owing to the severe drought, and I have eight in family, from two to fourteen years.

Brother Rigby and I had been over to Bottle Creek a few weeks ago and we did the Lord's biddings over there. Souls are hungry for the precious Word of God, which makes me feel enthusiastic for God and more vigorous to go again to those folks. Pray for me that God, who is merciful, will make a way for me and my little ones that I may be able to go more.—Jacob A. Hall, Turks Island, B. W. I.

We Are Busy in Our Corner

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, B. W. I.—I am praising the great Redeemer for His great plan of redemption which caused me this very moment to be saved and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. Dear readers, my greatest desire is to endure to the end. We can feel, when something is near us, that we don't have long here. God says He will shorten the days for the sake of the elect. Many difficulties are in our pathway and they are coming thick and fast, so let us do all the good we can to obtain our eternal happiness in the world to come. Our happiness in Turks Island is to know that we have God and His people to look up to for help, therefore, we can spend all our time in working for the saving of lost souls. There is no time to be lost, time is short and we must be busy every day. We are busy in our corner as to shine like the stars when Jesus comes.

Dear readers, don't forget to send us your Evangels when you get through reading them. God bless you is my prayer. Please pray for us. If anyone wants to write me or send a Christmas greeting, the mail will be leaving New York for Turks Island, B. W. I., Dec. 9, 1938. God bless you.—A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Island, B. W. I.

We Feel Uplifted

MT. PROVIDENCE, Wood Hall P. O., Jam., B. W. I.—On Oct. 13 three elders paid us a surprise visit. They were Elders Larmin, Johnson and McDonald. We had a fine time that night and expected to return the next night but rain disappointed us. The revival started. Elders Johnson and McDonald left for home in the morning but Elder Larmin

and his wife stayed here doing work for the Lord. He says he came here to brace up the church. It's a fact for there are deeper depths and heights to know. He shows the church where it can be improved. Praise God, we feel uplifted. Mother Larmin shows the mother of this church how she must keep courage, even when she feels downcast in her work, but God will keep her.

On Monday, the 17th, Elder T. Mondley arrived here for conference which took place on the 19th. Baptism was announced for the 20th of September. Elder T. Mondley left for home on the 20th, still leaving Elder Larmin and wife performing work for the Lord. The rain prevented a lot. They spoke about Sunday School and how the superintendent carries on his work. Sometimes he feels downcast in his work. Elder Larmin told him to hold to God's unchanging hand.

On Sunday, the 23rd, we had a good time in the day service. The evening service was wonderful. A revival started. One lad came to the altar. The meeting ended in testimony.

Pray for me to live for God in Christ which is my desire.—Clifford P. Scott, clerk.

Lord Blessing in Hugo, Okla.

HUGO, Okla. — Dear saints, please pray for our little church in Hugo. Please get it on your hearts and pray earnestly for it. We need your prayers. It's a new field and there are just a few saints but they are surely faithful. The Lord sent Brother Johnnie C. Moore here the 20th of July to hold a revival. There were five saved, five sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, fourteen added to the church. The church was set in order Aug. 7. Brother Moore is pastoring the church. We have all learned to love him; he is a God-sent preacher. They have started building a new church house. We need your prayers. Pray that the Lord will supply our needs. The enemy surely tried to keep the Church of God out of Hugo but when God is in anything we know He isn't going to be outdone by the enemy.

It's wonderful what the Lord can do for us if we will only put our trust in Him. I am so glad that I ever found Jesus; He is so sweet to my soul. I am so thankful that the Lord ever sent Brother Moore this way. I am really proud of the little Church of God here. I want to see it shine out for Jesus. Praise His dear name. The Lord surely meets with us on service nights, and blesses. Last Sunday night one of the sisters took very

sick at church. We prayed for her and held on to God for about an hour for her and when she came up off the bed she came up shouting and praising Jesus.

We are having church and Sunday School at one of the sister's homes and she is afflicted and has been in bed and the wheelchair over two years. Please pray for her. We know the Lord can heal and does heal today just as He did in the days of old. Brother Rouse came through Hugo in the summer before the Church of God ever came to Hugo. He preached two nights at the Assembly of God church. I had a bad cough, had it over three months. Brother Rouse prayed for me and I got my healing that very night right at the moment he laid his hands on my head. I believe with all my heart I had T. B. or at least was taking it. The Lord has come on the scene several times and healed my baby and my children's bodies. I am so glad I ever learned to trust Jesus for my soul and body. I am saved, sanctified and filled with God's Holy Ghost. I want to be a humble servant for Jesus. I have two sons and a grandson who are out in sin. Please help me pray for them that they will come to Jesus before it is too late, and please pray that the Lord will make it possible that we will soon get our church finished.

Pray much for us for we have our whole hearts and minds in this work here. We want to see it go over the top for Jesus.—Mrs. Ida Sickles, clerk, 224 North B. St.

Report From Warren, Ohio

I am glad to report for the Warren, Ohio Church of God. We are getting a good Sunday School built up. We have increased in number to as many as we were used to having. Soon our building will not be large enough to hold us. We have won our district banner and we believe we will go over the top and try to compete for the state banner. Our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Lewis, are a great inspiration in our Sunday School. Everyone is putting his shoulder to the wheel. We are entering into a revival with Christine Hyre as evangelist, and her mother is with us. Her songs and messages are very inspirational. We are looking for a great revival. The opening night of the revival many were blessed at the altar.

Remember this revival in your prayer as many new faces are among us and many are needing God's great salvation.—Mrs. Treasel Mackey, reporter, Warren, Ohio.

New Life Taken On By Church

DETROIT, Mich.—We are in a revival here in the East Side Church of God. God is wonderfully blessing us. A number have prayed through since we came here as pastor from the Assembly.

Two have received the Holy Ghost and four have been added to the church. Others are looking this way. The house is filled even in regular services. New life has been taken on by the church. The Y. P. E. has been reorganized with a fine group of young people who are workers for the Church.

Since coming here we have furnished a nice six-room parsonage for the pastor, with nice furniture, and the Y. P. E. and church clerk are paying for it. The L. W. W. Band has been reorganized and put to work, and they are enthusiastic, making quilts, aprons and several other things.

We organized the church in classes and appointed leaders to raise money to buy a lot to build a church on. Everybody is anxious to start the building. Pray for us. Property is so high here but God is helping us. The classes paid in the first month \$27.00, besides the L. W. W. B. made several dollars more.

I never worked with a finer band of people than these Detroit folk. They surely are standing shoulder to shoulder with me in all the work. They are co-operating. They gave me the money to get my Michigan auto license and transfer of title and drivers license. We have bought a nice heatrola stove for the church and it is paid for, so we just must say "Hurrah for Jesus" and a big hand goes to the church in East Detroit.

We now have the district Sunday School banner and had one hundred eleven in Sunday School last Sunday. There was no more room to accommodate the people, so pray that we will get a new building soon, and pray for your brother here to be a blessing in the revival now going on being conducted by the writer and pastor.—J. A. Bixler, 2954 St. Jean.

VULCAN, W. Va.—I thank and praise God for salvation through the blood of Jesus. About six years ago God saved me, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I was added to the great Church of God. Though I have erred a few times, it doesn't make it not real, and if I'll stand true from now on it's what will take me through when Jesus comes or calls. As we look around we can see it must not be long until the coming of Jesus.

We have a nice little church here. There are only a few in number but we have a zeal to work and make things go along fine. Our Y. P. E. is progressing and we hope it will be better in the future. We just closed a revival a few days ago and surely enjoyed having Sister Juanita Steele, a young evangelist, with us. One sister received the Holy Ghost and we are sure many good seed were sown.

Pray much for me. Pray that my hus-

band will receive the Holy Ghost and we will both do God's will. Pray, pray that my life may be a light to lost souls. I also have an unspoken request.

I surely enjoy the Evangel for the good testimonies are food to my soul.—Mrs. Earl Mounts.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C. Church Standing By Pastor

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings. We are glad to report the work here is moving forward. A number have been blessed and added to the church. We have found some precious saints here. The attendance at the services is good. The people, including outsiders, are standing by us and we are enjoying working with them.

Brother William T. Auten, ex-missionary, has been with us eight days. He has lectured on the foreign mission work and preached gospel messages. His mission lectures were informative and interesting. His gospel messages were edifying, instructive and inspiring. The people here esteem Brother Auten and we hope him great success in the Lord's work.

We begin a revival here tomorrow, Brother Bailey of Johnson City, Tenn., doing the preaching. Please pray that this will be a great revival, and pray for us.—Brother and Sister L. J. Stone, Rt. 3.

Still on My Way

SELMER, Tenn.—I am glad I am still on my way to glory. Praise God. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the great Church of God and I trust God for my healing. Well, praise the Lord, I am feeling good in my soul. I thank God for the way He is blessing here at Piney Grove. I thank Him for our new pastor, W. F. Willis, and wife. They are real children of God. Brother Willis has pastored this church before and we were glad to get him back.

We thank Brother and Sister Smith and their children for their good work here at Piney Grove and we are looking for them back soon. Pray for me that I will stay humble and true.—Mrs. Esby Estes, Rt. 1.

Church Encouraged

KATHLEEN, Fla.—I thank the Lord for the little band of saints here. We love them and they love us. We are few in number but we are glad to be a part of the great body of the Church of God. We have some good, faithful members and workers who are holding the blood-stained banner of Christ and His Church high as true witnesses of His cause. Oh glory, I feel good because God has stood by the small as well as the great.

We praise God for the way He blesses in our services and for the way He heals the sick and suffering. The church is

encouraged and on the upward move for God. We are determined to go over the top one hundred per cent on our church program by God's help. The clouds of discouragement have hung low and good people have been influenced by the enemy but they are taking on new courage and more faith to live victorious lives for Jesus.

Pray for the work here. We are expecting a soul-winner year. We have good prospects for a successful church year. There is a good revival spirit manifested. Our desire is to be one hundred per cent Church of God soul winners for Jesus. This is our second year and we want to be a blessing to the church, so pray. Prayer warriors, the battle is on.—Mrs. Thos. J. Durrance.

ABBEVILLE, S. C.—We have a little church in Abbeville, S. C. and request prayer from all the saints for it. God is blessing us. We organized a Sunday School with nineteen present. We had thirty-two the next Sunday and expect to keep climbing. We have a little church to worship in. Pray that we will soon have to get a larger one. Brother G. F. Carter is our pastor. We all work together and pray for one another and love one another. Remember us in prayer.—Rhett Doolittle, Rt. 1, S. S. superintendent.

DRAPER, N. C.—We praise God for the wonderful blessings He bestowed upon us Oct. 23. We had home coming and rally day. Oh, how God did bless. Our state overseer, E. W. Williams, was with us and delivered a wonderful message. Oh, how we need more such sermons. We too had the Kannapolis string band which rendered excellent music. Brother Phillips of Greensboro was with us and delivered a well-balanced sermon. This was enjoyed by all. Next Brother Teaster, our district overseer, spoke to us and all seemed to enjoy every word. A brother from Kannapolis gave a short talk. While he spoke showers of blessings came down. Brother Walker, the ex-pastor, then gave an interesting talk. Brother Stewart of Schoolfield, Va. was with us, also several of his congregation. All seemed to enjoy the day. We raised \$86.00 on our new parsonage. Hurrah for Draper, N. C.!—Annie M. Lindsey, leader, Box 332.

We just closed a revival at old Mobeetie, Tex. We had a real good revival. We surely enjoyed working with Brother L. C. Pennington and the good folks at Mobeetie. I have been in the Church since September and surely love the Church of God people. The state overseer of Texas, Brother H. N. Scoggins, has surely given me the right hand of fellowship, for which we love him.—Brother J. D. Coleman, Mobeetie, Tex.



PRAY FOR:

My wife who is suffering with appendicitis. Please fast and pray.—Edward Basham, Box 96, Princeton, W. Va.

Wife very poorly, not expected to live. Please pray earnestly.—J. W. Farmer, 665 Price St., Morgantown, W. Va.

God to undertake in home, all hindrances be removed, give peace, love and power to overcome. — Mrs. Corinna Hoover, Mt. Vernon, Tex.

Little girl's knee injured from fall and gives way, leg swollen, for husband to wholly surrender to God, that I will have more faith.—Mrs. Cecil Brown, 17687 Duyer St., Detroit, Mich.

Burdened for lost brothers, sisters and loved ones out in sin, that I will stand true.—Clifton Bynum, Rt. 1, Eden, Ala.

Revival in progress.—Hattie Duncan, Twila, Ky.

Revival in new field, pray for me.—Mrs. E. E. Patrick, Big Rock, Va.

Healing of my body, place of operation torn loose, for brother's wife and family to be saved.—Eston McGinnis, Wallace, Ind.

To be strengthened, for Sunday School, also revival at Devon church and for souls there.—John Huff, clerk, Okeeffe, W. Va.

Unspoken request, I need prayer, that God will send someone to run a revival.—Miss Madge Renaw, Stillmore, Ga.

God to heal my body. — Drucilla Kitchens, R. F. D. 1, Gibson, Ga.

Healing of my body, healing of ears, healing of little girls, unspoken request.—Mrs. Helen Steedley, Rt. 1, Coffee, Ga.

For lady who is paralyzed and in helpless and pitiful condition, also for Mrs. Applegate.—Mrs. J. H. Quisenberry, Rt. 5, Versailles, Ky.

Lord to deliver me of a habit.—Rose Ard, Folsom, La.

Husband to receive Holy Ghost, for my health.—Mary Martin, Ft. White, Fla.

Healing of head of sinus trouble, daughter to receive Holy Ghost, unsaved loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. H. E. Steelberg, Marietta, Ga.

Unspoken request, God to undertake and deliver.—Mrs. F. R. Coggins, Homerville, Ga.

Healing of my little girl's hand which was crushed.—Ethel Simpson, c/o E. N. Hector, Rt. 2, Abilene, Tex.

Pensacola, Fla. Church of God, God to help and bless that we can accomplish what is pleasing to Him, for revival there.—Sister Lela Culpepper, 1300 E. Maxwell St., Pensacola, Fla.

To be healed of nervous breakdown,

more faith to trust the Lord.—Mrs. Davie Nailor, Rt. 1, Grant, Ala.

Revival at Drumright, Okla.—Paul J. Brown, pastor, Drumright, Okla.

Healing of right side, four unspoken requests.—Mrs. Gertrude Coster, Box 118, Blacksburg, S. C.

Special unspoken requests.—D. T. Webb, Box 304, Phoenix, Ariz.

Revival at Varney, W. Va. Please come and help us.—W. H. Compton, pastor, Varney, W. Va.

Revival at Pounding Mills, Va.—J. J. York, evangelist, Marion, Va.

That I'll go where God wants me to, also for a church at Mercer, Tenn.—W. H. Wright, Stanton, Tenn.

Step On in Jesus' Name

ROCK HILL, S. C.—Dear saints and sinners who read these messages from time to time out in Evangel land, heart-aches are read there, misery, pain, woe, victory and rejoicing too in the Evangel messages, but I am glad we at Rock Hill can report victory. We praise the Lord for His good blessings to us. It is now going on four years that I have been with the church at Rock Hill and there has been a continuous revival. Sometimes during the preaching sinners get up and just fall into the altar, weeping. The altars are filled on Sunday nights and during prayer meetings and cottage prayer meetings. Souls are going all the way through. The Holy Ghost takes charge so often, blessing each of us and drawing the unsaved to the altar. The dear old gospel has not lost its power. Signs are following believers through miraculous cases of divine healing in our midst.

We truly praise the Lord for our pastor, Brother Linwood Jacobs. He has stood by us, leading on and working with unceasing effort. Oh, we feel he is the pastor for Rock Hill and we must not tell you just how grand he is for fear all of you may try to get him for your pastor. He's helping us to do great things in building our church. God is smiling on his work here. It just seems like Pentecost. Folks, Rock Hill is on the map and I am sure you are hearing about us. We can only boost and step on up in Jesus' name. We don't know what the end of this church year will bring—maybe Jesus. Oh glory! But we're looking to the hills from whence cometh our help. I am enjoying this great spiritual feast He has spread for us here in Rock Hill. I am glad I learned the secret of a victorious life—a life hid with Christ in God. If we trust Him He will trust us. Let's stand out on the promises.—Mrs. Ruth Guthrie Ayers, Crest St. Ext.

God is No Respector of Persons

EUPORA, Miss.—I praise God for salvation and His great love wherewith He

loved me in giving His only Son to redeem me from a life of sin. I, too, praise Him for His great healing power. He has healed us so many times. A few weeks ago two of our girls took chills. One of them got instantly healed after she had five chills, but the other one continued to have one every day. The state preachers' meeting convened here at our church and we had prayer for her several times. Four or five different ones anointed her but she kept having chills.

I felt impressed to write Brother Rouse, so after she had had sixteen chills I wrote him and sent a handkerchief to be anointed. Praise God, she didn't have another chill after I mailed the request and handkerchief. She was still weak when the handkerchief returned but began to gain strength rapidly. I told Brother Rouse when God healed her I would write to the Evangel. I am praying that more of us will get close enough to the Lord that He can use us as He does Brother Rouse. We can, God is no respecter of person.

We have a fine band of young people here at Pisgah Springs working for the Lord. Pray for them. Pray for our L. W. W. B., the church in general, and my family and me.—Mrs. J. L. Burton, Rt. 1.

REVIVALS

NANCY, Ky.—We have just closed a very successful revival here. The house was filled to overflowing at almost every service. The people sat as though amazed listening to the Word of God so forcefully preached. We believe there was much good done at this place. The saints were renewed and some reclaimed. This is a small church but we believe good seed have been sown and we are looking forward to the dawning of a greater day at this place. Our pastor did the preaching. He is a young man and preaches a full gospel. We thank God for sending him to this place. Surely God will bless his efforts in spreading the gospel. We are looking forward for a greater year at this place.—Mrs. Hobert Warner, clerk.

SLATON, Tex.—We just closed a good meeting with Brother S. O. Whitman of Seattle, Wash., doing the preaching. Not so many were saved but Brother Whitman did our church much good. He preached a good message every night. He was here two weeks after which he went to Lubbock for one week. We hope he will return some day and run another revival for us.

We want to start another revival just after our convention. If some evangelist wants to work, I have plenty for you on this district. There are five churches on this district. Write me at once.—Roy J. Young, Box 334.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years,"
Hab. 3:2.

AN OLD TIME, HOLY GHOST REVIVAL

We are in Alabama this year pastoring the church at Dora. When we accepted the work here someone said, "You are going to a hard place." Well, God has been with us in a mighty way. We just closed a revival last Sunday night with fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, about twenty saved, several sanctified, and sixteen additions to the church. All of them are grown folks and a number of fine men.

You may say, "That is no great number." Well, maybe not, but brother, when we receive people into the church, we tell them not to come in if they are not going to be loyal and pay their tithes. I don't believe in just counting noses to have a large number. A piano with a number of dead notes wouldn't be of much use.

Paul said in Eph. 4:15 (Moffatt), "And under him as the entire body is welded together and compacted by every joint with which it is supplied. The due activity of each part enables the body to grow and build itself up in love."

Well, these people here joined the church under the covenant to pay tithes as well as being loyal to the teachings of the Assembly in everything. They are active.

Brother Church Member, I am going to say something right here that may jar some of you to your shoe heels. A member of the Church of God who refuses to pay tithes is not living up to the Church of God teachings. You are just trying to dead-head your way through. I've seen some folks riding a passenger train but they were not enjoying the ride, they were on the blind baggage or the rods. They were eating dust and smoke, eyes full of cinders. They couldn't enjoy the beautiful scenery like the one who had paid his fare and was sitting on the cushions. No wonder some people can't "see." They don't have time to see for trying to hold on. They can't enjoy the red hot, untarnished, unimpeachable gospel of Jesus Christ because it is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart, Heb. 4:12.

Someone says, "Tithing isn't a New Testament teaching." If it isn't, then repentance isn't either. Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42, Jesus said ye ought to pay tithes. Someone said, "He was talking to Jews." Well, at John 13:14 He was talking to Jews also. He said here, "Ye

ought to wash one another's feet." It doesn't hit the old pocketbook very hard to obey that "ought" at John 13:14, but to obey the other at Matt. 23:23 and Luke 11:42 puts the boot on the other foot and it doesn't wear so well with the fellow who hasn't been welded to the other members, Eph. 4:15, 16. Brother, you can't weld wood, hay or stubble to gold, silver or precious stone. Things welded together must be of one nature. Heb. 2:11, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one," and the Syriac New Testament says "are all of one nature."

Dear old Brother E. E. Simmons said, "You get rid of the will-nots and God will take care of the cannots."

Someone said, "Preacher, you are preaching for money." Well, that's what you work in the mine, shop, store and on the farm for, 'ain't it? If they should stop your pay, you'd stop work. The preacher and his family must pay for their clothes and food and did you ever stop to think the preacher's children are human just like yours, and appreciate some pretty things just like yours? Some folks will pay a dollar or two on Sunday and call that tithes. That fellow is just trying to save his face, as the Chinaman says. Brother, God said all that comes under thine hand one-tenth of it is holy to the Lord. Quit being a buck-passer. Come on, pay God, get your soul blessed as well as every interest of your life, be an active member every pay day as well as on conference night and at pastor-calling time.

Rev. Sam Jones, that prince among Methodist preachers, tells this story: He said he was on a train one time and something happened to the engine. They had to stop between stations to make some repairs. He said they were delayed quite a while. The passengers all took the delay very nicely. They talked, laughed and seemed to enjoy themselves, all except two young fellows who "cussed" the management of the road from the president down, and Rev. Jones said when they found out about them they were riding on a pass. See the point?

God is blessing us here. I have never seen as many sacks of flour, packages of sugar, good, thick buttermilk and good Jersey butter, some three-story cakes and other things to go with them, in my whole life. We have some of God's best, blood-washed, heaven-born, Spirit-filled, foursquare Church of God saints as God's grace ever made. They love us and the good Lord knows we appreciate them.

Our address is Box 243, Dora, Alabama.—Thy brother, I. H. Marks.

ROBBINSVILLE, N. C.—Our pastor, Brother Homer Page, just closed a three weeks' revival here. Brother C. P.

Galloway, our district overseer, was with us a week. They surely preached the Word uncompromisingly. There were several saved and about six sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Many were blessed. This meeting was a blessing to Robbinsville. Please pray for us and this place and for our good pastor. We all surely appreciate him.—Bessie Holland, clerk.

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TAMPA, Fla.—Our revival closed but the blessings and Spirit of the Lord are still with us. This was our first revival with such great visible results in a number of years. In fact, some have said it was the best in ten or twelve years. We thank the Lord for sending His renewing Spirit this way. A number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am happy to say the writer was one of this number. Brother G. C. Hamby, our pastor, did the preaching. Brother Hamby through his broad smiles and generous spirit has won his way into the hearts of the people of Tampa and they appreciate his labors. The revival spirit is still with us. Last Sunday night four were gloriously saved. The L. W. W. B., the Y. P. E., in fact, all departments of the church are working with a will and have taken on new courage. We surely believe Jesus is coming soon, and thank God for letting it come our way.—Ralph E. Williams, 1201 Florida Ave.

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We are glad to report victory in the good revival that just closed at Drexel, Fla. Brother Paul Johnson of Sulphur Springs was in charge. Truly we thank the Lord for the wonderful way He blessed from time to time. Several times the Holy Ghost took charge and hungry seekers filled the altar. The community was stirred for miles around. Nineteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized in water. They have their church almost completed now and plan to set a church in order as soon as they have it completed. The best part is God is still blessing over there and souls are praying through. This was almost a new field but people began reading their Bibles and were convinced that this is a Bible salvation.

We thank the Sulphur Springs folks for attending and helping out in this revival. May God bless each of them and our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister R. E. Drymon, who also assisted some in this revival.

We are now in an old time revival at Lacoochee, Brother Paul Johnson, his wife and I. God is blessing and souls are praying through. We've had some wonderful services since we've been here and the end is not yet.—Alice Stephens, Lacoochee, Fla.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Persecution and Trials

BY OUR MISSIONARY

"I am glad we can praise God in the midst of persecution. Jesus is sweet to my soul because He has done so much for me. I love Him more than ever and I am looking for Him to come back soon.

"God is pouring out His Spirit in ———. People are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost and added to the Church but the devil is mad and going around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

"Please pray for us, because they took ——— away on Aug. 22. I have no permission to see him and you know my heart is heavy at times, only Jesus is giving me victory and strength day by day. Other brethren are in danger to be taken also and the Church is persecuted.

"I would be glad if some of the dear pastors would call in their congregations and have special prayer for us and the dear saints here.

"The harvest is great and how can it ever be done? Oh, how sad, sad!

"Brother ——— was taken by the Secret Political Police and put in a concentration camp where he has to work every day. Some of the officers of the Secret Police told me a man like him needs to work, everybody in ——— has to work and there is no use for lazy bones which linger around with some Bible verses in their mouth."

(We are not permitted to sign this article with name, but just remember them in prayer.)

We also received the following personal letter from the same party.

"We received your dear letter, also the check and thank you and the Mission Board very much. We are glad to know that you are praying for us. We need your prayers.

"Maybe you have some people upon whom you can call for prayer to remember us. We have showers of blessings. One brother and two sisters received the Holy Ghost, others got sanctified and everywhere they are greatly blessed, but again we have much persecution. They want to get others, more of the dear brethren. It is likely that we can not gather any more. Please pray for us.

"I don't know much about my husband's release. He said in his letter he is well and has the victory. I couldn't get permission to see him, but I know the dear Lord will make it right when His hour comes. He has never forsaken

us and He still answers prayer. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord.

"Yours for the Church of God."

ECKSTEIN VILLAGE, St. Michael, Barbados.—We wish to take this opportunity of thanking God for the wonderful way He blessed and used the three weeks' convocation conducted by the young people's band of our church. The Lord really came down in the old time way and blessed our gatherings. Sister F. Niblett, young people's president, assisted by the young people's secretary, was in charge of the services which commenced Aug. 21 and closed Sept. 15. After the song service we had a wonderful season of prayer in which our souls were richly blessed.

During the services of the convocation we had a number of visitors from other churches who came to help us in our meetings. Sister Smith, late of Bermuda, brought a very helpful and soul-stirring address from Isa. 48:22. Helpful sermons were also given by Sisters Green and Mings. We are very glad to report that during the services eight precious souls came to the Savior and many were under deep conviction, whom we are

still praying and trusting God to save.

Remember the Church of God at Eckstein in your prayers, and pray for our Y. P. E., our president and secretary that the Lord will bless and use them to His glory. Pray for our Sunday School that the Lord will greatly increase our number. Pray for the work of our Church all over the Island of Barbados and we promise to daily remember you in our prayers.—Yours faithfully, all for Jesus, O. R. Corbin, Y. P. E. secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

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and help to others. No man can live to himself. God has never designed that we should live in ease and have great honors without first sacrificing and doing our best to make others happy in this world. If you want to do something that will be worth while, humble yourself in the sight of God, look about you and begin to help others, regardless of what it may cost you.

And Jonathan surrendered all to David in love. His big open heart said as he gave his royal uniform, his sword, spear and staff, "Come into our ranks, you are worthy. I will stand by you and nothing but death will separate us." Now we are studying today the life of this noble son who was willing for somebody else to be great.

Oh, the work there is to be done. Let us get in touch with heaven and begin today.

SPECIAL NOTICE

All Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools may now obtain a special report card for convenience in mailing information direct to the state superintendent, so he may obtain the definite information necessary in order to determine the winner of the National Y. P. E. banner and the National Sunday School banner.

These cards may be obtained from the Publishing House for the price of 11 cards for 10c. Order at once and help to complete our system of reporting.

The state superintendents, both Y. P. E. and Sunday School, will receive from the General Overseer report record books for keeping the Sunday School and Y. P. E. work. Also each superintendent of both Sunday School and Y. P. E. will be expected to make a monthly report to the General Overseer so that he may have the definite information concerning the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's before him each month.

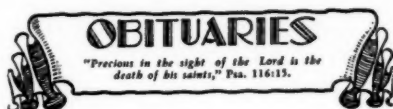
For the convenience of the state superintendents we are furnishing, free of charge, to the respective state superintendents books to keep a record of the Sunday School and Y. P. E. work, and also report forms to be filled in and sent by the state superintendent to the General Overseer each month.

Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's that already have their system of reporting should order these report cards immediately to be used in connection with theirs, thus furnishing the state superintendent with the information required for the contest, also helping us to make the records at Headquarters complete so that we all may know just what our Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's are doing everywhere.

Unfortunately we have been delayed somewhat in getting this information out as was requested at the Council, but we have studied carefully all the rulings of the Minutes and tried to embody the essentials in this reporting and hope that this will prove a great blessing to all the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's throughout the nation.

We are greatly encouraged with the outlook for this year. We have received letters of encouragement from different ones where special efforts are being put forth, and great work is being done through the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's.

May God bless you in your Sunday School and Y. P. E. and grant this to be the greatest year you have ever had in the history of the Church thus far.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.



OWNSBY

Sister Annie Ownsby, faithful member of the Church of God at South Lindale, Ga., died Oct. 18, 1938.—Sister Fannie Kent, Lindale, Ga.

MONTGOMERY

Kenneth Ray Montgomery, died Oct. 15, 1938, age one year, two months and twenty days.—E. L. Newton, pastor, Leesburg, Fla.

BAIRD

Albert S. Baird, died Nov. 5, 1938, age forty-eight years, four months and ten days.—T. M. Basham, pastor, Harlan, Ky.

HANVEY

T. W. Hanvey, faithful member of the Church of God at Seneca, S. C., died Nov. 1, 1938, age seventy-two years.—J. W. Moore, pastor, Seneca, S. C.

SULLIVAN

W. J. Sullivan, member of the Church of God, died Oct. 20, 1938, age sixty-six years.—His son, Chas. W. Sullivan, Morgantown, Ga.

CONNER

Mrs. Elmira Eugene Conner, faithful member of the Church of God at Ft. Myers, Fla., died Oct. 18, 1938, age sixty-three years.—Her daughter-in-law, Alice Conner, 3404 9th Ave., Tampa, Fla.

STEPHENSON

Brother Sam Stephenson of Murphy, Okla. died Oct. 27, 1938.—Mrs. R. R. Martin, Murphy, Okla.

NOTICES

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We are in a meeting with Brother O. B. Presley, pastor. Please pray that God will have His way in this needy place. If anyone knows of saints at West Memphis, Ark., please write me at once.—Evangelist George White, 1495 N. Trezevant, Memphis, Tenn.

The Illinois state Sunday School banner was awarded to Marco Sunday School for the month of October with a gain of fifty-one per cent. The state Y. P. E. banner was awarded to West Frankfort Y. P. E. with about a ten per cent gain. Sister Bertha Wright is the honored president.

The reports are coming in good but several are not reporting as yet. Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendents, please see that these reports are sent in to me at the end of every month. If you

don't report, I'll think you are not with me in this great work. Remember I am with you with all the strength at my command. Let's cut the shore lines and get going.

The Eldorado district Y. P. E. is having its second rally at Eldorado Thursday night, Dec. 1. The West Frankfort district is having its rally Tuesday night, Dec. 3, at Christopher.

I want all the Y. P. E. presidents, and everyone who believes in what we are trying to do, to be there. Bring a program or whatever you have. Pray, pray, then put feet and hands to your prayers and we will go to the tip-top.—Leonard Newton, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent of

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EVANGELISTS

You may now send your license in for renewal, as the present license you have expire December 31, 1938; therefore, we are asking that all of our Evangelists, male and female, send your certificate for renewal. This does not include bishops, deacons nor exhorters, only the evangelists.

Things to Remember:

1. Put your correct name and address on the reverse side of your certificate.

2. If you are pastoring a church or churches and desire the attachment of the privilege for marriage ceremonies, remember these are placed on the license of the male evangelists, by the State Overseer. You may write him in regard to this matter, in event your license do not come with this special permission.

3. Remember that Headquarters sends your papers to the State Overseer where your membership is for his signature. This will take time for the large number of renewals during this period of time, however, should you not have received your license ten days after January 1, 1939 please write your State Overseer immediately.

4. Remember, if you have lost your certificate all that is necessary is to write the General Overseer a letter, giving your name and address and we will issue your 1939 license.

May God bless and help you to have the greatest year in the history of your ministry.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Illinois, 501 S. McClellan St., W. Frankfort, Ill.

To all the members of the Church of God in Indiana in and out of the state: Please send in your ten cents on aged ministers' fund by the second Sunday in December. Come on, Indiana members, ministers, exhorters, and all, let's be one hundred per cent. Ministers, please notify me as soon as you get this fund raised.—R. J. Staats, state overseer, 439 N.

Main St., Linton, Ind.

EDITORIALS

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unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee," Titus 2nd chapter.

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" 1 Tim. 3:1-5.

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which has not profited them that have been occupied therein," Heb. 13:9.

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers," Acts 2:42.

We have a nice assortment of Bibles, books, mottoes, etc., that will make nice Christmas gifts for your children and friends. Write for catalog.

Victory Over Sin

WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Greetings to the saints of God everywhere. Tonight finds me with victory in my soul and the joybells are ringing. Praise the Lord. I never shall forget the night of Oct. 23 when I received the Holy Ghost. Praise God. What a wonderful experience. During this time someone called a policeman and an investigation was made in the church. Praise God, that never frightened me.

What a wonderful feeling to know the sweet Holy Ghost abides. Praise His sweet name. I thank God for the wonderful message Brother Combs gave. Jesus is everything in my life. His promises are true and He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Praise the Lord. I feel the presence of the sweet Holy Ghost just now. He understands all things and knows just when to come to our rescue. I love the dear old Church of God; I am glad I am a member. I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.—Nora Barker, Rt. 3.

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